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SUBJECT: RADIATION EFFECTS RESEARCH FOUNDATION

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1. REF.(A). ON DECEMBER 9, 1974, THE AEC GENERAL MANAGER INFORMED THE COMMISSION THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES HAD NEGOTIATED A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT TO DISSOLVE THE ABCC IN APRIL 1975 AND TO CREATE THE RERF, WHICH WILL BE JOINTLY ADMINISTERED AND FUNDED BY THE TWO NATIONS. THE GENERAL MANAGER ALSO INFORMED THE COMMISSION THAT HE HAD AUTHORITY (UNDER SECTION 161G OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY ACT, AS IMPLEMENTED BY AEC MANUAL CHAPTER 5301-031AM(3)) TO APPROVE A PROGRAMMATIC DISPOSAL OF ALL AEC-OWNED REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY IN JAPAN NOW UTILIZED BY THE ABCC. THE ACTING GENERAL MANAGER, ROBERT D. THORNE, APPROVED THE DISPOSAL ON JAN. 17, 1975.

2. REF.(B). THE NAME OF THE NEW FOUNDATION, RADIATION EFFECTS RESEARCH FOUNDATION, WAS SELECTED AFTER CAREFUL DELIBERATION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN AND THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES. IT HAS BEEN MAINTAINED FROM

THE EARLIER NEGOTIATIONS THAT FREE INTERCHANGE OF
PERSONNEL BETWEEN THE NEW INSTITUTE AND JAPANESE UNIVERSITIES
AND OTHER MEDICAL AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS IS ESSENTIAL
IF THE NEW INSTITUTE IS TO BE VIABLE AND MEANINGFUL.
THE WELFARE OF THE SURVIVORS IS DEPENDENT ON THE COORDINATION
AND COOPERATION OF THE MOST ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH
EFFORTS THAT CAN BE GAINED THROUGH ALL HEALTH RELATED
RESEARCH IN JAPAN AS WELL AS OTHER COUNTRIES.

3. THE NAME RADIATION EFFECTS RESEARCH FOUNDATION STATES CLEARLY
AND WITHOUT AMBIGUITY THE OBJECTIVES OF THE FOUNDATION AND
AT THE SAME TIME IDENTIFIES THE CONTINUATION OF THE GOALS
AND OBJECTIVES OF THE ABCC. THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO
DISCUSS CHANGES IN THE NAME OF RERF IF SUCH IS NECESSARY TO
REMOVE PROBLEMS OF IDENTIFICATION DUE TO
SIMILARITIES WITH NAMES OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.
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